

1 or other response to file a reply or opposition. Any other motions will be subject to the normal
2 briefing schedule under the local rules.

3 Additionally:

- 4 1. Any procedural defenses raised by the respondents in this case must be raised together in
5 a single, consolidated motion to dismiss. In other words, I do not wish to address any
6 procedural defenses either in seriatim fashion in multiple successive motions to dismiss
7 or embedded in the answer. Procedural defenses omitted from the motion to dismiss will
8 be subject to potential waiver.
- 9 2. The respondents must not file a response in this case that consolidates their procedural
10 defenses, if any, with their response on the merits, except under 28 U.S.C.
11 § 2254(b)(2) as to any unexhausted claims clearly lacking merit. If the respondents seek
12 dismissal of unexhausted claims under § 2254(b)(2): (a) they must do so within the single
13 motion to dismiss, not in the answer, and (b) they must specifically direct their argument
14 to the standard for dismissal under § 2254(b)(2) set forth in *Cassett v. Stewart*, 406 F.3d
15 614, 623–24 (9th Cir. 2005). In short, no procedural defenses, including exhaustion,
16 should be included with the merits in an answer. All procedural defenses, including
17 exhaustion, must instead be raised by motion to dismiss.
- 18 3. In any answer filed on the merits, the respondents must specifically cite to and address the
19 applicable state-court written decision and state-court record materials, if any, regarding
20 each claim within the response as to that claim.
- 21 4. The respondents must file a set of state-court exhibits relevant to the response filed to the
22 amended petition. Those exhibits must be filed chronologically and be accompanied by a
23 separate index of exhibits identifying the exhibits by number. The CM/ECF attachments

1 that are filed must be identified by the number or numbers of the exhibits in the
2 attachment. The purpose of this provision is to allow the court and any reviewing court
3 thereafter to quickly determine from the face of the electronic docket sheet which
4 numbered exhibits are filed in which attachments. The respondents must send a hard
5 copy of all pleadings and indices of exhibits **ONLY** filed for this case to the Clerk of
6 Court, 400 S. Virginia St., Reno, NV, 89501, directed to the attention of “Staff Attorney”
7 on the outside of the mailing address label.

8 Dated: July 19, 2022



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10 U.S. District Judge Andrew P. Gordon
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